

Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Bruce Braley (IA-01) sent a letter to President Obama expressing concern over the proposed \$157.8 billion in taxpayer funds for an “Overseas Contingencies Operations Fund” in the 2011 spending bill.

“Just earlier this week, the Defense Department announced that operations in Libya have cost taxpayers as much as \$608 million to date, and it seems that this money came out of the ‘Overseas Contingencies Operations Fund,’” said Rep. Braley. “Now, taxpayers are being asked for even more money for this fund – presumably to fund additional operations in Libya. It’s unacceptable for us to engage in yet another overseas mission without a clear understanding of how much we plan to spend, and I believe Americans deserve a clear answer from the President on what this fund will be used for and how much will be spent.”

A copy of Rep. Braley’s letter is available here: <http://go.usa.gov/TI5>